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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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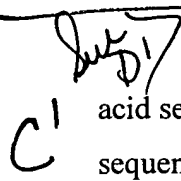
Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002. Please enter this amendment and consider the remarks presented herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14-21, 23-29, and 32-34 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 2-3, 5, 10-11, 13, 22, 30 and 31 as follows.

C1  2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the polypeptide has an amino acid sequence that has at least 80% sequence identity to a full-length native sequence or native sequence lacking a signal sequence or an extracellular domain of an endogenous polypeptide in the human or animal.